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Till end of Sept. { Le Chardon
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27/8/92

Dear Dr. Krishnan,

apologies for my delay in replying to your kind invitation of 11/6/92.

You can imagine how delighted I would be to attend your Symposium on "Contemporary Genetics" and take part in the felicitations to Obaid Siddiqi.

However I am still not completely recovered from an operation and, later, pneumonia. At 85 I do not know whether between now and January 1993 I shall be strong enough for the visit to Bombay.

All that I could say now is that I shall do my best to attend, but the chance of doing so may be 50/50. My daughter would accompany me.

Thank you again
Yours sincerely
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Dear Obaid,

very many thanks for your kind letter of 10 Aug, just brought to me by Lisa.

You can imagine with what pleasure I should like to come to your meeting, but I can not make up my mind about it.

A few months ago I had my left hip joint replacement operation. Then in mid May I got pneumonia and pleuresy. They mis-diagnosed it and only after it was finished they actually got the correct diagnosis. So I had almost for a month pneumonia/pleuresy without any treatment.

It left me very weak and Lisa drove me to St. Luc where I gradually recovered; but I am still not 100%, though I can go for long walks.

So, what should I do?
If I came, assuming between now and December I become strong enough, Lisa would have to accompany me, to keep an eye on me.

I enclose copy of my reply to Dr. Krishnan.

It would be wonderful to see you, Asiya and whoever of the children there. But I do not feel it fair to accept the invitation now, with a 50/50 chance of having to cancel.

Thank you again and all the best. Greetings from Lisa, who has just arrived here. Regards to Asiya.

Yours
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